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Dear Art,

Enclosed carbon if of letter to great guy and friend, young old-fashioned reporter, not the more familiar and more successful kind, like Graham. It made better time coming here than (that is, your letter and UPI A Wire copy) than Larrys, which had less than half as far to go, so I'm this late adding to the backgrounding.

You sent UPIA wire 1/10. They had to have filed a 1/9 story, if not a late one for ams 1/9 based on early Times edition if nothing else. Can you get, please. There is not telling what Lattimer said, and I know there came a time restraining influences began to be felt, like our old pal Jim, who I expect to see next weekend in NYC.

This UPI copy in part comes from Graham. Query them for their own interview, pls.

If you remember this copy, or if as a xerox indicates, you've kept it, graph 4, as him to explain doubts and how dispelled by this new evidence. Friendly, boy, friendly, because he is now on warning. I've written him and will be sending him a list of questions before you interview him, whether or not he has received and/or read them. And if he heard Wecht on Long Jon Nebel's show last week, he is on guard. He may clam. If he does, how about pointed telegram, cc to your old pal?

Graph on his Army experience, a question I forgot to ask Larry to ask: he told Graham that bruising is typical or a wound of entry. B.S. Don't tell him but question. It is scorching that is (so much for all that military experience-and you should ask if he was a urologist in the Army too, because piss and bullet wounds are not the same thing). Exit wounds also can show bruising. Ask him if he saw any such bruises on the front wound, very casually, and how clearly he saw the front wound, perhaps in the guise of the tracheotomy. You should know that this sugery is no more than a slit, of which I have a very complete personal description from that surgeon, in person, exclusive, and all he did was make a transverse slit. He removed no tissue at all. One pijt is that there is no front picture, but don't let Lattimer know you know.

Penult graph, p.1 ask if he can send you sketches of the new evidence on the wound, as he did it on CBS, esp. if he can include correction of WC's on the same sketch. Perhaps for his own historic work he has already made such and can send xerox?

P.2 graph 5:How can X-rays show only1 one bullet, ask him (they do not show tracks through soft tissue, only bone and metal), again gently and not in any sense indicating disagreement.Please excuse this primer attitude but you can both do an enormous service if you can get his trust and then have him blab. How does the picture(s) prove "it emerged through the ~~[illegible]~~ throat"? (Remember, he has no such picture and tubes were inserted and withdrawn.)

Can he send you all his writing for your files (on as only). Pls stata and send me envelope and originals just as you get, because he'll omit the political stuff and I do want to be able to hand that to somebody -privately and a politician. (P.2, graph 6)

Graph 7-just for fun, because he plagiarized: did he put a bullet through 47" pine boards? The real point is could this bullet have gone through the JFK neck, Connally's chest smashing 4" bone, then his wrist, and then have the power to lodge a fragment in his thigh(which it didn't). CBS tired, duplicating soft tissue with gelatin (customary substitute, no joke) and bone with masonite, and even with no bone to duplicate the rib, did not find a <u>single</u> one of the bullets it fired with the energy to go the whole course. What I want to do here is get him firmly on the 399 hitting Connaly <u>alone</u>, as he said on CBS. This puts him in radical and irreconcilable dispute with the Report, and at the apporpriate time I would use it, I think with possible effect....Penult graph,p. 2 and FYI only, pls don't discuss with him or anyone, all false. Film no "placed in the National Archives in October 1966 [they had then been there a year and a half] by Robert F. Kennedy..." who had nothing to do with it. Part of get-Kennedy campaign. Good luck and thanks. Will phone today,